

MINE FILE CHRONOLOGY

5-M INCORPORATED
SILVER REEF SITE - M/053/002

(updated 1-30-89)

Legal Description: Patented and unpatented claims - Sections 6 & 7, T41S, R13W and Sections 1, 11, 12, 13, 14, T41S, R14W

4/13/78

Original Mining & Reclamation Plan Application (MR-1) received from 5-M, Inc. for a new mine and mill at Silver Reef site. Meeting held at DOGM offices with operator. Supplemental maps, topographic information, etc. requested from the operator. Information to be provided within a week by 5-M.

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DOGM receives letter from 5-M, Inc. attorney, Mr. Walter Plumb. Followup to April 13th meeting. Indicated operator would rely upon statutory exemption (DOE) to continue operations until MRP is approved.

5/19/78

Memo to File (Brian Buck). Area of operations intricately laced with accumulated disturbances of 100 + years mining. Regional area disturbances include >100 portals and shafts, numerous small open pits, 5 mills and many drill holes.

5-M controls most of the district (Still ?). @ 1300 acres originally proposed for bonding. Proposing to strip mine and heap leach silver and copper ores. Silver and copper ores found in White Reef and Buckeye Reef.

5-M intending to apply for permit from NRC to mine and heap leach uranium/vanadium ore also. Uranium ore principally located: Pumpkin Point, Paulmer Hill and Tecumseh Hill. Some portals proposed for bottom of some proposed open pits. Underground development also contemplated.

Two (2) principal complications identified by DOGM: (1) immediately north of the proposed minesite is a developing residential area; and (2) a culinary water well exists just downstream from the leach pond area (5-M is attempting to purchase same).

May 25, 1978	Letter from concerned citizens in Leeds area. Objections and Concerns: (1) Destruction of White Reef and historic areas. (2) Mining-related impacts to adjacent residential area. (3) Drop in local Silver Reef residents property values (4) Old mining ruins, mills, mines, artifacts and Indian ruins are and will continue to be destroyed. (5) 2 old cemeteries in area need preservation. (6) Esthetic and public safety concerns
June 20, 1978	DOGM receives letter from SHPO, requesting that a cultural resource survey be conducted.
July 6, 1978	DOGM notifies 5-M of SHPO's <u>recommendation</u> , but doesn't <u>require</u> a survey of operator.
July 19, 1978	Public Notice of Tentative Approval sent to Newspaper Agency by DOGM for proposed operation. Involved permitting of @ 1352 acres.
August 31, 1978	Formal protest from Bennett Petroleum Corporation to the tentative approval decision. Objection based upon challenge to legal ownership of mineral and surface rights (unpatented mining claims & private surface).
September 8, 1978	DOGM letter to Bennett Petroleum Corporation addressing their formal protest concerns.
September 12, 1978	Letter from 5-M indicating enclosure of a map with revised bonding area for @ 60 acres of disturbance.
October 2, 1978	Amended Protest received by DOGM from Bennett Petroleum Corporation.
October 4, 1978	DOGM letter to Bennett Petroleum in response to their amended protest, establishing November 29, 1978 as date for Board hearing to hear their formal protest.